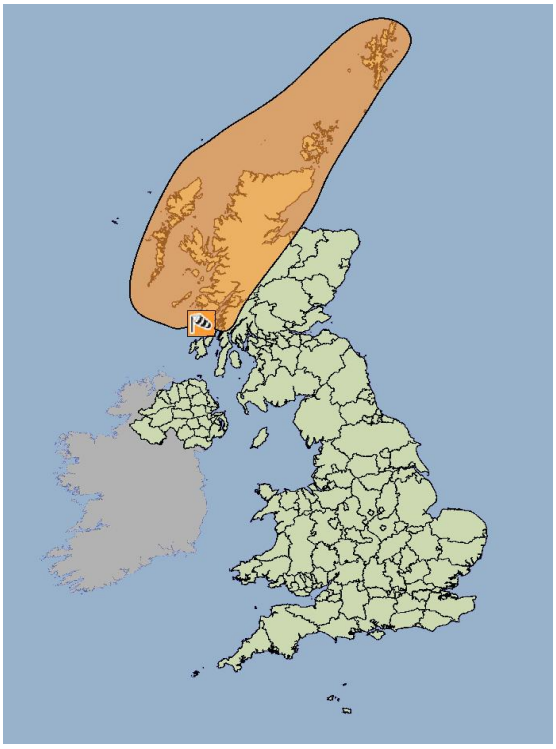
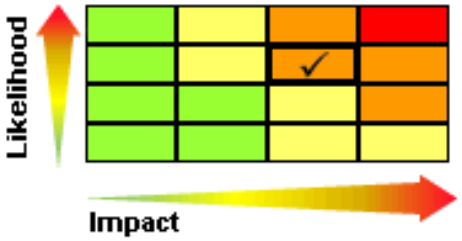
# National Severe Weather Warning Service






**Chief Forecasters Assessment**
A deep depression, now named Barbara, will move northeastwards across the Atlantic, passing close to the northwest of Scotland later Friday and overnight into Saturday. South to southwesterly winds will increase earliest across the west of the warning area early on Friday, before the strongest winds develop across western then northern Scotland later on Friday and overnight into Saturday. The last place to see winds easing is likely to be Shetland on Saturday morning.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **12:00 on Fri, 23rd Dec 2016** until **06:00 on Sat, 24th Dec 2016**

A spell of very strong south to southwesterly winds is expected to develop on Friday. Gusts of 80 mph are likely quite widely, with westerly winds gusting to 90 mph likely across parts of western and northern Scotland later on Friday and overnight into Saturday. Winds will then ease on Saturday morning.

Be aware of the potential for some structural damage - this more likely across the northwest of the warning area - as well as disruption to power supplies and travel, with restrictions on bridges and disruption to ferries.

**For more details please go to:**
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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